

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 28, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1 and 9 are amended. Claims 8, 19, 25-32, 34-37 and 50 are canceled. Claim 33 was previously canceled. As a result, claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-24 and 48-49 are now pending in this application. The allowable claims have been incorporated into the independent claims from which they depend. Such independent claims are now believed allowable, as are the claims which depend from them. Remaining claims have been canceled, rendering the rejections moot. Allowance of the currently pending claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 24 was allowed for the reasons of record.

Claims 8 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((612) 373-6972) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743

Respectfully submitted,

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